Domestic Relations Committee Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes

March 21, 2003

The Domestic Relations Committee met at the Indiana Judicial Center in Indianapolis, Indiana on Friday, March 21, 2003, from 10:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.

- 1. <u>Members present</u>. Cynthia J. Ayers; David Bonfiglio; Scott R. Bowers; Thomas J. Felts; Robyn L. Moberly; Michael P. Scopelitis; and Daniel F. Donahue, Chair.
- 2. <u>Staff present</u>. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
- 3. <u>Minutes approved</u>. The minutes for the committee on February 21, 2003 were approved.
- 4. <u>Guests present</u>. Robert Monday and Andrew Cosby, PACE; and Donna Bays, ISBA were also present.
- 5. <u>Child Support Guidelines</u>.
- a. Mr. Bercovitz displayed and distributed a draft of the child support guidelines placed on the Internet after the February meeting and made revisions proposed by Judge Donahue. Committee members made revisions based on that draft.
- b. The committee members also agreed to place the draft as revised on the Internet, request interested parties keep looking at the Internet for any changes, and comment on changes as they occur. They also agreed to post Dr. Betson's research for information purposes.
- c. Mr. Bercovitz distributed comments received since the last meeting.
- 6. <u>Recent legislation</u>. Mr. Bercovitz distributed a copy of HB 1034, about statewide mediation in family law cases, to committee members. Judge Felts gave an update on this legislation.
- 7. <u>Next meeting dates.</u> The members of the committee agreed to meet again on Friday, May 16, 2003, July 18, 2003, August 15, 2003, October 17, 2003, all from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center; and Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 13-14, 2003 for an all day Judicial Center Seminar on Domestic Relations and hold no Nov. 2003 mtg.

Respectfully submitted,

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